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Re: The proposed revision to RPC 1.15A(e)

I am a member of the Washington State Bar and a former WSBA disciplinary counsel. I agree with the letter written by Barrie Althoff. The proposed revision to RPC 1.15A(e) should be rejected because it removes protections afforded by the current rule to clients and to the public. During disciplinary proceedings, one client called to ask if I could obtain her diamond ring and the title to her thoroughbred racing horse from her attorney. The lawyer had held on to them as collateral for full payment of attorney fees. Clearly it is imperative that an accounting of all property, and not merely funds, be given to the client annually. Clients and the public deserve your careful deliberation of this matter.